

A Tall Tale

Age: Preschool-age (3-4 years)

This activity helps your child's development in this domain: Language and Literacy

What You Need:



- Pencil
- Paper

What To Do:

1. Begin by asking your child to tell you a story. If this does not happen naturally for your child, help him by bringing up a familiar experience such as the time he helped catch a fish or went camping.
2. Write down the story exactly as he says it. You can ask questions to extend the story such as, "And then what happened?"
3. Next, have him act out the story. Have him choose which character he wants to be, and you (or other members of the family) can be characters or other props in the story. Read the story while your child and other family members act it out or listen as part of the audience.
4. By doing this over and over, your child will enjoy being the author and main character in his own story, thus building self-efficacy (belief in his abilities) and literacy skills.



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